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**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

Sir:

This response is supplemental to the previous amendment dated March 24, 2008.

In the previous amendment it was argued that the rejection to Claims 217-227 and 230 under 35 U.S.C §102(e) as being anticipated by US 6,195,156 is improper.

The present application claims priority of the following 9 Japanese Patent

Applications:

- 1) Application No. H09-214845 (filed on August 8, 1997)
- 2) Application No. H09-300295 (filed on October 31, 1997)
- 3) Application No. J09-313041 (filed on November 14, 1997)
- 4) Application No. H10-100369 (filed on March 27, 1998)
- 5) Application No. H10-85955 (filed on March 31, 1998)
- 6) Application No. H10-86293 (filed on March 31, 1998)
- 7) Application No. H10-165392 (filed on June 12, 1998)
- 8) Application No. H10-167316 (filed on June 15, 1998)
- 9) Application No. H10-183370 (filed on June 15, 1998)

Among these applications, applications 1) -3) were filed prior to the U.S. filing date of Miyamoto (March 13, 1998), and claims 217-227 of the present application are described in these applications 1) -3). To support the previous argument, the Applicant has obtained and hereby submits certified translations of the three

preceding priority documents. The Applicant apologizes for not being able to submit these documents with the previous amendment.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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